



October 20, 2006

Chairman Kevin Martin
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 06-74

Dear FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to urge your approval of the AT&T-BellSouth merger. As the CEO and Managing Director of Aiken Regional Medical Centers, I am particularly interested in how this merger will benefit rural areas. Aiken Regional Medical Centers serves a growing area, but much of our service area is still quite rural. It is clear to me that this merger will serve the public interest and greatly benefit our rural citizens.

The commitments that AT&T recently announced provide for much greater broadband affordability and availability. Access to broadband is of great concern as the information age continues to unfold. Access to medical information via the Internet is becoming more and more important.

I urge the Commission to approve the merger of AT&T and BellSouth promptly so that consumers can benefit as soon as possible from the broadband provisions this merger offers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary